Town of Sherman
Sherman Land Acquisition Fund Advisory Board
February 18, 2020, 5:00 p.m
Special Meeting Agenda
Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: First Selectman Don Lowe, Jerrold Siegel, Neil Volkmar, Al Kenney, Frances Frattini

Members Absent: Bill McCann

Audience & Invited: Amanda Branson

Clerk: Margaret Beatty

Call to Order: First Selectman Don Lowe Called Meeting to Order at 5:00 pm

Public Comment: None

2020/21 Budget: Discussion on whether to approve a $240 budget for the advisory board meetings to cover clerk costs and/or miscellaneous fees.

Review of Boards Direction/Financial Standing: Currently the Land Acquisition Advisory Board has a balance of $45,289. The board discussed possible dissolution due to the changing demographics of the town and/or the general public’s lack of interest in buying/preserving of town land. The First Selectman raised the question as to where/if the $45,289 can be dispersed in the general revenue fund for the town. Inquiry would be explored at future Selectman Budget meeting.

Financial Assistance to Naromi Land Trust: Deputy Director of Naromi, Amanda Branson, stated there are extra expenses for Naromi attached to resent purchases and if the fees/taxes associated with the purchases can be covered within the budget allotted to the Land Acquisition Fund Advisory Board.

Possible Uses of Available Funds: Discussion of providing aid to Naromi and whether it is appropriate to devote public town funds to private organizations that mimic the same interests in land preservation as town sanctioned boards.

Election of Officers: Appointment of officers would be voted upon at next Board of Selectman meeting, once new officers are selected the exploration of dissolving and current monetary balance allotment can be examined.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by First Selectman Don Lowe

Motion: Unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.